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SUBJECT: EMPEROR' S TALKS WITH PRESIDENT

REF: ADDIS 6667

1. WHITE HOUSE HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON
PRESIDENT' S DISCUSSIONS WITH EMPEROR:

2. DURING DISCUSSIONS, EMPEROR OUTLINED HIS VIEW OF
STRATEGIC SITUATION IN HORN AND MIDDLE EAST AS WELL
AS THREATS TO ETHIOPIA. HE PROVIDED PRESIDENT WITH
WRITTEN STATEMENT HIS ASSESSMENTS AND PAPER LISTING
IEG' S MILITARY EQUIPMENT NEEDS (COPIES POUCHED BY DOD).
EMPEROR INDICATED IEG MAINLY SEEKING REPLACEMENTS FOR
AIRCRAFT AND TANKS NOW BECOMING OBSOLETE.

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3. PRESIDENT INFORMED EMPEROR THAT HE REQUESTING SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY AID APPROPRIATIONS FROM CONGRESS BUT APPROVAL MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN THAN IN PAST. PRESIDENT ALSO SAID U. S. WOULD PROVIDE SOME FMS CREDITS TO FILL GAP BETWEEN PLANNED MILITARY GRANT AID AND AMOUNTS ACTUALLY PASSED BY CONGRESS. PRESIDENT NOTED EMPEROR' S REQUESTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED MOST SERIOUSLY AND U. S. WOULD BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE DEPENDING ON EXTENT TO WHICH CONGRESS SUPPORTS PRESIDENT' S REQUEST FOR FUNDS.

4. NO COMMITMENT MADE TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC TYPE OR QUANTITY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. ISSUE OF F-4' S OR OTHER SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT DID NOT ARISE.

5. COPY OF MEMORANDUM RECEIVED FROM WHITE HOUSE BEING POUCHED.

6. DEPTOFFS HAVE TAKEN LINE SIMILAR TO EMBASSY' S IN BRIEFING FRENCH AND GERMAN EMBOFFS ABOUT HIM' S VISIT. THEY WERE TOLD NOTHING WHICH COULD LOGICALLY SUPPORT REPORTS REFTEL INDICATES ARE CURRENTLY CIRCULATING IN ADDIS. RUSH

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